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1. The establishment of new Trattendorf Combine was planned in August 1954. This combine was to have a daily capacity of 15,000 tons of briquettes and a power station with an output of 50,000,000 watts which would eventually be enlarged. In addition, there was to be a coking plant for high temperature (HT) coke to which a tar processing plant would be added. This tar processing plant would possibly have a production of 500,000 tons of low-temperature lignite tar.
2. According to suggestions previously made by Dr Georg Bilkenroth, HT-production would be increased to meet the demands for higher capacities of the metallurgical industry. It has become possible to raise the quality of coke to such a degree by the introduction of several improvements in the processing technique that any objections on the part of the metallurgical industry may be considered virtually unfounded. This new HT coking plant was to reach the capacity originally scheduled for Lauchhammer, or a yearly output of 2,400,000 tons. In the future, the coke production in Trattendorf would necessarily be subjected to a particularly close examination because the coal deposits there differ structurally from those in Lauchhammer.
3. It will not be possible to put the first sections of the Trattendorf Combine into operation according to plan, as early as 1957, because of the curtailment of the investment funds. Even the 1955 investment funds will probably be struck from the investment plan, because the targets of the capacities scheduled for 1954 could not be met because of considerable backlogs in the production of the machine industry and the rise in prices.
4. It was planned to rename the new combine at Trattendorf Schwarze Pumpe (Black Pump) for the place located 3 kilometers south-southwest of Spremberg.

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Comment. According to the 1954 economic plan, the Lauchhammer coking plant was scheduled to produce a total of 400,000 tons of high-temperature coke (HT coke) for use at the EWW in Calbe/Saale.

Should it actually be possible to produce 2,400,000 tons of coal usable for industrial purposes from lignite, East Germany would become largely independent of imports of hard coal coke.

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